

Scope of Open Access to eCGAP beginning in January 2005

Beginning January 11, 2005, NIH will open access for electronic submission of selected grant applications. For the receipt date of February 1, 2005 or later, open access will be available for simple competing grant applications (R01, R03, R21) that have modular budgets and no consortia/subcontracts.

Application types:

Only applications for R01, R03, and R21 mechanisms will be accepted. For new applications, Principal Investigators are encouraged to discuss their application with NIH to determine its probability of being assigned as one of these mechanisms. Descriptions of applications for these mechanisms are found at the links below:

- R01 Research Program Grants <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/r01.htm>
- R03 NIH Small Grant Program <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r03.htm>
- R21NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/r21.htm>

Budgets must be modular and cannot include consortia/sub-contracts.

Applications can be for:

- New (Type 1 not revised)
- Competing continuations (Type 2)
- Revised applications (new and competing continuations)

One appendix document can be sent with the electronic application.

NIH will accept applications that are in response to Program Announcements (PAs) and Requests for Applications (RFAs) if they are for submission dates of February 1 and later.

NIH will *not* accept submissions for R03 Fogarty awards.

NIH will *not* accept electronic submissions for *any* other kinds of applications, including: Applications with Subprojects, Program Project and Center grants, Supplements, Research Career Awards, SBIRs, STTRs, Training grants, Fellowships, and AREA grants.

NIH will also *not* accept electronic submissions that represent a Principal Investigator Change of Institution, or a Change of PI.

Full Budget applications are still under pilot. A Service Provider will be able to submit up to 10 for this receipt date.

Submission and Verification Timeline:**February 1 receipt date:**

- Ticket request by February 1
- PI/SO verify by February 4
- If PI/SO reject the e-application, paper applications must be received by NIH no later than February 9

March 1 receipt date:

- Ticket request by March 1
- PI/SO verify by March 4
- If PI/SO reject the e-application, paper applications must be received by NIH no later than March 9

Deadlines are 5:00 pm in the applicant's time zone. If NIH is the cause of a technical problem preventing submissions, deadlines will be extended accordingly. Deadlines for electronic submission will be as firm as in the paper process and will be enforced.

The same deadlines apply to full budget for February/March pilot.

Certification for Partners:

Each physical site, regardless of the software used, will need to be registered and certified with NIH as a trading partner. If a Service Provider deploys their software to a new physical site and that site trades directly with NIH, essentially we have a new trading partner and that site or installation needs to be registered and certified. Each site or installation should have its own account, password and certificates and will represent specific institutions and applicants.

eCGAP Support will track certification status of Service Providers. Service providers need to email to eCGAP Support (CGAPSupport@mail.nih.gov) the ticket numbers of the different application types they have submitted into test.

eRA will post Service Providers' certification status for the various transaction types on the "Submitting Grants Electronically" web site.

Service Providers only need to test for the types of applications that they plan to submit.

Re-certification will be required for each major eCGAP release.

Certification tests are as follows:

- Successful submission in TEST of one simple (R01, R03, or R21) modular new (Type 1) application certifies the SP to submit simple modular new applications.
- Successful submission in TEST of one simple modular competing continuation (Type 2) application certifies the SP to submit simple modular Type 2 applications.
- Successful submission in TEST of one simple modular revision application certifies the SP to submit simple modular revised applications.
- Successful submission in TEST of one simple full-budget application certifies the SP to submit simple full-budget applications in pilot.